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SUBJ: LABOR PEACE

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1. THE STRIKE BY WORKERS OF THE SIAM CEMENT GROUP ENDED AFTER A MEETING OF GOVERNMENT, MANAGEMENT AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES MARCH 10. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ASKED THE STRIKERS TO ACCEPT THE ARBITRATION RULING OF THE LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION. MANAGEMENT, IN TURN, AGREED TO GRANT THE EMPLOYEES AN INCREASE IN THEIR COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE ONCE THE COMPANY RESUMED PROFITABLE OPERATIONS.

2. FEAR OF A NEW STRIKE ON BANGKOK'S DOCKS SUBSIDED WITH REPORTS SHIPPING AGENTS HAD AGREED TO GRANT A TWENTY-FIVE BAHT PER DAY INCREASE TO 100 BAHT. SINCE THIS LATEST AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED BY PRASAN BUNCHALOEMSAK, PRESIDENT OF THE LABOR UNION FOR LOADING AND DISCHARGING FOREIGN CARGOES, AND A NATIONALIST PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT, PRASAN HAS WON A ROUND OVER THE RIVAL DOCKWORKERS UNION OF WICHIAN SIWICHIAN AND IMPROVED HIS CHANCE OF GETTING THE DOCKWORKER VOTE IN THE APRIL 4 ELECTION.

3. CONFEDERATION OF LABOR UNIONS OF THAILAND (CLUT)

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LEADERSHIP IS STILL UNDECIDED ON THEIR REACTION TO THE

RTG PLAN TO RAISE THE RETAIL PRICE OF RICE IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH A FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. CLUT IS PREPARED TO ALLOW AN  
INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF RICE TO SIXTY BAHT, BUT FEARS THE  
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
CORRUPTION AND FURTHER BUREAUCRATIC BUNGLING.  
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